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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV STATEMENT ON ISRAELI RIGHT TO EXISTENCE IN
JANUARY 18 TULA SPEECH

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1. DURING JAN 21 COURTESY CALP, POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AFRICA INSTITUTE OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
GLEB STARUSHENKO, IF HE SAW SIGNIFICANCE IN BREZHNEV'S SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO ISRAELI EXISTENCE IN HIS JAN 18 TULA SPEECH (REFTEL).

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2. STARUSHENKO SAID THAT WHILE CONSISTENT SOVIET POSITION ON
RIGHT TO EXISTENCE FOR ALL STATES IN AREA HAD IMPLICITLY INCLUDED
ISRAEL, TULA SPEECH MAY HAVE BESN FIRST TIME BREZHNEV PUBLICLY
AND EXPLICITLY REFERRED TO ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO STATE
INDEPENDENCE AND SECURE EXISTENCE. AS SUCH, THIS REPRESENTED
A "CONCESSION, A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL TO ISRAEL AND TO THE
UNITED STATES." OVER HHIS QUESTION.

3. AFRICA INSTITUTE STAFFER AND M.E. EXPERT DMITRIY
PENZIN ADDED THAT THIS GESTURE WOULD INVOKE A SURE REACTION
FROM THE LIBYANS, ALGERIANS, IRAQIS AND THE PALESTINIAN GROUPS
MAKING UP THE "REJECTION FRONT" DESPITE BREZHNEV'S FOLLOW-ON
STATEMENT ABOUT SIMILAR
RIGHTS FOR "ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE."

4. NOTING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREZHNEV'S REFERENCE TO STATE OF
ISRAEL AND HIS REFERENCE TO ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE,
POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED IF THIS MIGHT INDICATE SOVIET
WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT PALESTINIAN STATE WITH AN ORGANIC
RELATIONSHIP TO JORDAN AS SADAT HAD RECENTLY SUGGESTED.
RECOUNTING PROGRESSION IN SOVIET THOUGHT FROM SUPPORT FOR
PALESTINIAN "HOMELAND" TO SUPPORT FOR A "STATE", PENZIED
SAID, IN FINAL ANALYSIS SOVIET POSITION IS THAT THE DECISION
IS UP TO ARABS AND PALESTINIANS.
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